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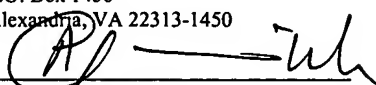
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listing references for consideration by the Examiner.

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<u>Serial No.</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>	<u>Inventor</u>	<u>Title</u>
10/932,942	09-02-2004	Feng Lin	System and Method to Improve the Efficiency of Synchronous Mirror Delays and Delay Locked Loops
10/932,952	09-02-2004	Feng Lin	System and Method to Improve the Efficiency of Synchronous Mirror Delays and Delay Locked Loops

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Applicant respectfully requests that the listed reference be considered by the Examiner, and that the Examiner acknowledge consideration of the reference by initialing and returning a copy of the attached form(s) with the next Official Action.

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